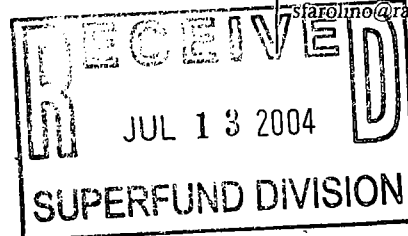




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Re: Studebaker Chemical - Extension of Time to Respond to the CERCLA
Section 104(e) Request for Information Concerning the Chemical Recovery
Systems Site in Elyria, Ohio

Dear Ms. Adams:

On June 9, 2004, the undersigned received the correspondence from Wendy L. Carney and associated CERCLA Section 104(e) Request for Information that was directed to Studebaker Chemical ("Studebaker") regarding the Chemical Recovery Systems Site in Elyria, Ohio (the "Site"). As you are aware, the correspondence in question requested that Studebaker respond to the Request for Information within 30 days of receipt of the same. Thus, Studebaker's response to the Request for Information is arguably due today, July 9, 2004.

As we discussed, however, the executrix of the estate of the former President of Studebaker Chemical recently received several boxes of documents that appear to contain business records of the company. Unfortunately, the executrix has not yet been able to review the records in question in order to determine whether they contain information in any way related to the Site. Moreover, until the executrix has reviewed the records, our client will be unable to provide a complete and definitive response to the Request for Information at issue herein.

Therefore, due to the voluminous nature of the records that were recently received and the time that it will likely take to review the same, I requested, on behalf of our client, an extension of time until August 9, 2004 to respond to U.S. EPA's Request for Information in this matter. During our conversation of this same date, you indicated that the requested extension of time was acceptable to the agency.

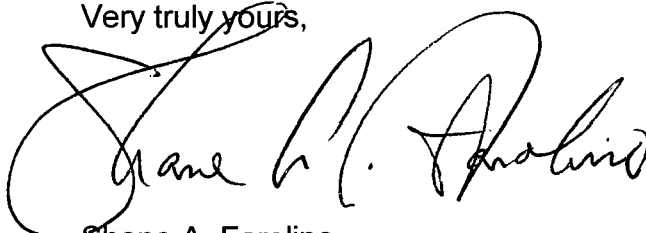
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In light of the foregoing, this letter hereby confirms that Studebaker shall be afforded an extension of time until August 9, 2004 to respond to U.S. EPA's CERCLA Section 104(e) Request for Information concerning the Site.

Thank you for your cooperation with respect to this important matter.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,



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